

### REMARKS

Claims 1 through 8 have been cancelled, because these claims were directed to subject matter claimed in the parent application, U.S. Patent Application No. 09/666,745, filed September 20, 2000. Additionally, the specification has been amended to reference to the parent application and to correct minor typographical errors. In view of the amendments, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early Notice thereof is respectfully requested.